

Appl. No. : 09/879,364
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. Claims 12-15, 19-21, and 24-33 are pending. Claims 28, 32, and 33 have been amended.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 12-15, 19-21, and 24-33 were rejected on the grounds of non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,428,520, 6,245,048, and 6,932,795, and provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/217,213. In order to progress the prosecution of the present application, and withwhom conceding that said rejections are proper, Applicants submit herewith an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, the non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting rejections and the provisional, non-statutory, obviousness-type double patenting rejection of the claims should be withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claims 28, 32, and 33 were objected to as certain limitations lacked sufficient antecedent basis. Claims 28, 32, and 33 have been amended and all limitations therein have sufficient antecedent basis. Withdrawal of these objections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the attention given to this application. If any matter remains outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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